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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced Application. Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A catheter shaft assembly, comprising:
a first elongate shaft having an inner surface defining a lumen;
a second elongate shaft having an outer surface,
the second elongate shaft slidably disposed within the lumen of the first elongate shaft; and
an interstitial member disposed between the inner surface of the first elongate shaft and the outer surface of the second elongate shaft,
the interstitial member having a proximal end, a distal end, an inner surface, and an outer surface.